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 PROVIDING AND PROCESSING
 INSTALLMENT PLANS AT A TERMINAL

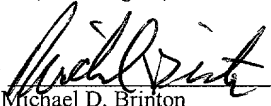
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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination, entry of the following amendments into the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

A M E N D M E N T

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please **INSERT** the following paragraph on page 1, between the Title of the invention and the FIELD OF THE INVENTION:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS:

The present application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/490,898, attorney docket no. 97-059-C1, entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING AND PROCESSING INSTALLMENT PLANS AT A TERMINAL"; which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/946,508 entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING AND PROCESSING INSTALLMENT PLANS AT A TERMINAL" FILED ON October 7, 1997; which is a continuation-in-part of co-pending Patent Application No. 08/920,116, attorney docket no. WD2-97-054, entitled "METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PROCESSING SUPPLEMENTARY PRODUCT SALES AT A POINT-OF-SALE TERMINAL", filed on August 26, 1997, a continuation-in-part of Patent Application No. 08/822,709, attorney docket no. WD2-97-006, entitled "SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PERFORMING LOTTERY TICKET TRANSACTIONS UTILIZING POINT-OF-SALE TERMINALS", filed on March 21, 1997.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please **CANCEL** Claims 8-68 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited herein.

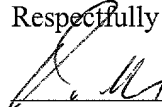
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Applicants presently intend to file an additional paper in this application. Accordingly, if the application is taken up for action prior to receipt of such paper, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below or by electronic mail at Alderucci@walkerdigital.com.

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